



Bay TMDL Issues and Options

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TMDL for BAY

Background

Chesapeake Bay list as impaired on 1998 303(d) list

On Consent Decree schedule for TMDL by 2010

April 6th, 2006, EPA held first bay TMDL meeting in D.C.

Attendees: Bay and TMDL managers for bay states, DC, EPA Regions 2 & 3, and EPA HQ

Schedule

- Bay TMDL schedule is being driven by Virginia's Consent Decree
- Other jurisdictions have committed to strive towards the 2010 goal
 - Pa concerned about limited staff & resources

Bay TMDL Perspective

- Most complex TMDL undertaken in EPA Region 3
- Nationally, similar complicated TMDLs have taken 5-6 years to complete
- There is a full array of technical, political, legal, and management issues that need to be resolved
- 25 issues and a number of tentative solutions emerged during the first meeting

Roles & Responsibilities

- Whose TMDL is this?
- Who will oversee work?
- Role of Chesapeake Bay Program?
- Contractor support?

Format/Content/Report

- Single document?
- 8 separate state documents?
- Combined report of 8 jurisdictional documents?

Public Outreach & Review Lead

- Who would lead?
 - EPA
 - Individual states
 - Joint effort
 - currently used in Virginia for EPA contracted TMDLs

Tributary Strategy - TMDL Allocation Relationship

- Virginia's point source caps are TMDL WLA
 - need to move MS4s to WLA
- NPS cap/allocation need to be allocated by sources
 - source allocations – individual sources or grouped
 - EPA call
- How do we factor in existing TMDLs?
 - some cases more stringent & some less stringent
- TMDL allocation implications?
 - don't mess with existing caps/ allocations unless there is demonstrated need

What's Ahead?

- Next Chesapeake Bay TMDL meeting in Baltimore
 - October 2nd